(b) and (c) The income-tax records show that Shri Goenka had borrowed funds on interest from certain companies of his group and had in turn, given interest-free advances to other persons, resulting in losses to himself. In the assessments for the assessment years 1984-85 and 1985-86, the assessing officer found that the business losses shown by Shri Goenka arose mainly from deductions for interest payments. He held that considerable portion of the money borrowed on interest was utilised by Shri Goenka for advancing interest-free loans and for other non-business purposes. Accordingly, he disallowed substantial amount of interest payments. The assessee has disputed these disallowances in appeal.

Killings in Punjab

818. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of deaths of terrorists and other citizens in Punjab since the beginning of this year, monthwise, terroristwise, citizen-wise and place-wise;

(b) the number of terrorists arrested since January, 1988 and released unconditionally since January, 1988; and

(c) what concrete steps have been taken to restore confidence in the people of Punjab from fear of terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The steps taken to curb terrorism in Punjab include erection of fence on the most vulnerable stretches of the border, strengthening of police and para-military forces and supply of modern weapons and equipments to them, conducting of raids of flush out illicit arms and ammunition, setting up of village protection force pickets and involvement of the people in the fight against terrorism.

Agitation against the construction of Narmada Sagar Project

819. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an agitation against the construction of Narmada Sagar project from the environment angle;

(b) if so, what are the details of this agitation;

(c) what action Government have taken on the points raised by the agitators; and

(d) whether Government have entered into any discussion and dialogue with those who are agitating against the construction of this project?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reservations have been expressed against the construction of Narmada Sagar project on its environmental and social implications covering the following:

—Irrigation and power generation benefits are not commensurate with the social and ecological cost of submerging almost 92,000 ha. area.

—Rehabilitation plans for the wild-life as well as almost 130,000 human beings affected by the project are not available